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EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

Site Specific Sampling Plan

Project Name: _____ Burlington Hill _____ Site ID: _____

Author: _____ Julie Wroble, OEA _____ Company: _____ Date Completed: _____ 9/24/12 _____

This Site Specific Sampling Plan (SSSP) is prepared and used in conjunction with the Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) for the Emergency Response Unit for collecting samples during this Removal Program project. The information contained herein is based on the information available at the time of preparation. As better information becomes available, this SSSP will be adjusted.

When inadequate time is available for preparing the SSSP in advance of the sampling event, a Field Sampling Form may be prepared on-site immediately prior to sampling. This full length version of the SSSP is written after the sampling event and the completed Field Sampling Form attached to it.

1. Approvals

Name, Title	Telephone, Email, Address	Signature
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1. Project Management and Organization

2. Personnel and Roles involved in the project:

Name	Telephone, Email, Company, Address	Project Role	Data Recipient
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		START Quality Assurance Reviewer	Yes
		Laboratory contact	No

3. Physical Description and Site Contact Information:

Site Name	Burlington Hill		
Site Location	Burlington, WA		
Property Size			
Site Contact		Phone Number:	
Nearest Residents	On Site	Direction:	
Primary Land Uses Surrounding the Site	Residential		

4. The proposed schedule of project work follows:

Activity	Estimated Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Comments
SSSP Review/Approval	9/24/12	9/25/12	
Mobilize to / Demobilize from Site	9/26/12	9/26/12	
Sample Collection	9/26/12	9/26/12	
Laboratory Sample Receipt	9/27/12	9/27/12	Who will deliver samples to lab?
Laboratory Analysis	9/27/12	11/21/12	We should check with Jed
Data Validation	11/22/12	12/7/12	

5. Historical and Background Information

Describe briefly what you know about the site that is relevant to sampling and analysis for this investigation.

6. Conceptual Site Model

Example: Contaminant: Mercury

Transport Mechanism: vapor moving on air currents

Receptors: people living in the house

Contaminants:
Asbestos

Transport Mechanisms:
Windblown Dust, Soil Disturbance

Receptors:
Residents using their properties, Road maintenance workers

7. Decision Statement

Examples: 1) Determine whether surface contamination exceeds the established action level;

2) Determine appropriate disposal options for contaminated materials.

The decision(s) to be made from this investigation is/are to:
Determine whether asbestos is present on a residential properties and public access areas (e.g., roadways). If asbestos is present, EPA may take on additional characterization and assessment activities to characterize the potential exposures and risks to residents.

8. Action Level

State the analyte, concentration, and units for each selected action level. Describe the rationale for choosing each action level and its source (i.e. MTCA, PRG, ATSDR, etc.) Example: The action level for total mercury in soil is 6.7 mg/kg (from Regional Screening Level residential).

Asbestos may pose a risk in air even if soils are nondetect; however, historical information and recent sampling indicate that asbestos is likely to be detected in samples collected by EPA. Risks from exposures to asbestos cannot be assessed without air data, which will not be collected as part of this focused investigation.

II. Data Acquisition and Measurement Objectives

9. Site Diagram and Sampling Areas

A Sampling Area is an area within in which a specific action will be performed.

Examples : 1) Each drum on the site is a Sampling Area;

2) Each section of sidewalk in front of the residence is a Sampling Area;

3) Each sampling grid section is a Sampling Area.

Samples are planned on being collected from a residential property where EPA anticipates receiving access to do sampling. Samples also will be collected from publicly accessed roadways. These will be opportunistic samples as a formal investigation is not yet underway. The findings of this field event will inform the need for a more thorough investigation in the future.

10. The Decision Rules

These can be written as logical If..., Then.. statements. Describe how the decisions will be made and how to address results falling within the error range of the action level. Examples: 1) In the Old Furnace Sampling Area, the soil in the area around the furnace structure will be excavated until sample analysis with XRF shows no mercury concentrations in surface soil above the lower limit of the error associated with the action level, 18.4 mg/kg. 2) If the concentrations of contaminants in a SA are less than the lower limit of the error associated with the action level, then the area may be characterized as not posing an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment and may be dismissed from additional RP activities. The area may be referred to other Federal, State or Local government agencies.

The following statement(s) describe the decision rules to apply to this investigation:

If asbestos samples from soils/rocks at the site are non-detect, then EPA needs to determine whether additional characterization at this site is warranted. If asbestos is found, then it is likely that additional characterization will be needed to assess site-related risks posed by asbestos.

11. Information Needed for the Decision Rule

What information needs to be collected to make the decisions – this includes non-sampling info as well: action levels, climate history, direction of water flow, etc. Examples: Current and future on-site and off-site land use; wind direction, humidity and ambient temperature; contaminant concentrations in surface soil.

The following inputs to the decision are necessary to interpret the analytical results:

For asbestos samples analyzed using PLM, any detection could be considered to be of concern for human health. Risk-based levels can be determined only for air samples. Additional information can be found at:
http://epa.gov/superfund/health/contaminants/asbestos/pdfs/framework_asbestos_guidance.pdf

12. Sampling and Analysis

For each SA, describe:
1. sampling pattern (random, targeted, scheme for composite)
2. number of samples, how many to be collected from where, and why
3. sample type (grab, composite)
4. matrix (air, water, soil)
5. analytes and analytical methods
6. name and locations of off-site laboratories, if applicable.

1. The sampling event is going to consist of opportunistic sampling.
2. EPA anticipates collecting no more than 20 samples of soil and suspect asbestos-containing rocks.
3. Grab
4. Soil, rocks
5. Asbestos by CARB 435 with field of view if needed. Additional analysis will be done by XRD to better quantify the types and relative amounts of asbestos present. Scanning electron microscopy will be done to image samples.
6. Jed Januch at MEL will perform the required analyses.

13. Applicability of Data (place an X in front of the data categories needed, explain with comments)

Do the decisions to be made from the data require that the analytical data be:
1) definitive data, 2) screening data (with definitive confirmation) or 3) screening data (without definitive confirmation)?

_____ **A) Definitive data** is analytical data of sufficient quality for final decision-making. To produce definitive data on-site or off-site, the field or lab analysis will have passed full Quality Control (QC) requirements (continuing calibration checks, Method Detection Limit (MDL) study, field duplicate samples, field blank, matrix spikes, lab duplicate samples, and other method-specific QC such as surrogates) AND the analyst will have passed a Precision and Recovery (PAR) study AND the instrument will have a valid Performance Evaluation sample on file. This category of data is suitable for: **1) enforcement purposes, 2) determination of extent of contamination, 3) disposal, 4) RP verification or 5) cleanup confirmation.**
Comments:

_____ **B) Screening data with definitive confirmation** is analytical data that may be used to support preliminary or intermediate decision-making until confirmed by definitive data. However, even after confirmation, this data is often not as precise as definitive data. To produce this category of data, the analyst will have passed a PAR study to determine analytical error AND 10% of the samples are split and analyzed by a method that produced definitive data with a minimum of three samples above the action level and three samples below it.
Comments:

___X___ **C) Screening data** is analytical data which has not been confirmed by definitive data. The QC requirements are limited to an MDL study and continuing calibration checks. This data can be used for making decisions: **1) in emergencies, 2) for health and safety screening, 3) to supplement other analytical data, 4) to determine where to collect samples, 5) for waste profiling, and 6) for preliminary identification of pollutants.** This data is not of sufficient quality for final decision-making.
Comments:

14. Special Sampling or Analysis Directions

Describe any special directions for the planned sampling and analysis such as additional quality controls or sample preparation issues. Examples: 1) XRF and Lumex for sediment will be calibrated before each day of use and checked with a second source standard. 2) A field blank will be analyzed with each calibration to confirm the concentration of non-detection. 3) A Method Detection Limit determination will be performed prior to the start of analysis so that the lower quantitation limit can be determined. 4) If particle size is too large for accurate analyses, the samples will be ground prior to analysis. If the sample contains too much moisture for accurate analyses, the sample will be decanted and air dried prior to analysis.

The laboratory may determine additional processing steps, including matrix reduction, to eliminate interference from organic material or non-asbestos minerals such as carbonates.

15. Method Requirements

[Describe the restrictions to be considered in choosing an analytical method due to the need to meet specific regulations, policies, ARARs, and other analytical needs. Examples: 1) Methods must meet USEPA Drinking Water Program requirements. 2) Methods must achieve lower quantitation limits of less than 1/10 the action levels. 3) Methods must be performed exactly as written without modification by the analytical laboratory.]

16. Sample Collection Information

[Describe any activities that will be performed related to sample collection]

The applicable sample collection Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) or methods will be followed and include:

Field Activity Logbook SOP

Sample Packaging and Shipping SOP

Sampling Equipment Decontamination SOP

Instrument SOPs:

Other SOPs:

17. Optimization of Sampling Plan (Maximizing Data Quality While Minimizing Time and Cost)

[Describe what choices were made to reduce cost of sampling while meeting the needed level of data quality. Example: The XRF will be used in situ whenever possible to achieve accurate results. Reproducibility and accuracy of in situ XRF analyses will be checked by collecting, air drying, analyzing and comparing five in situ samples at the start of sampling. Where interferences are suspected, steps will be taken to eliminate the interferences by mechanisms such as drying, grinding or sieving the samples or analyzing them using the Lumex with soil attachment.]

III. Assessment and Response

A Sample Plan Alteration Form (SPAF) will be used to describe project discrepancies (if any) that occur between planned project activities listed in the final SSSP and actual project work. The completed SPAF will be approved by the OSC and QAC and appended to the original SSSP.

A Field Sampling Form (FSF) may be used to capture the sampling and analysis scheme for emergency responses in the field and then the FSF pages can be inserted into the appropriate areas of the final SSSP.

Corrective actions will be assessed by the sampling team and others involved in the sampling and a corrective action report describing the problem, solution, and recommendations will be forwarded to the OSC and the ERU QAC.

IV. Data Validation and Usability

The sample collection data will be entered into Scribe and Scribe will be used to print lab Chains of Custody. Results of field and lab analyses will be entered into Scribe as they are received and uploaded to Scibe.net when the sampling and analysis has been completed.

18. Data Validation or Verification will be performed by:

ERU's general recommendation on validation is that a minimum of CLP-equivalent stage IIA verification and validation be performed for every SSSP involving laboratory analyses. However, stage IIB is preferred if the lab can provide it. Dioxins should be validated at CLP-equivalent stage 4.

	Data Verification and Validation Stages						
Performed by:	I	IIA	IIB	III	IV	Verification	Other:
E and E QA Reviewer					100% (mod)		
TechLaw QA Reviewer							
EPA Region 10 QA Office			100%		10%		
MEL staff							
Other:							

Comment [J1]: I don't know if any of these really apply to asbestos data. I can review data if needed.

The format for sample number identification is summarized in Table 1. Sample collection and analysis information is summarized in Table 2.

Table 1 SAMPLE CODING		
Project Name: _____ Burlington Hill _____		Site ID: _____
SAMPLE NUMBER ⁽¹⁾		
Digits	Description	Code (Example)
1,2,3,4	Year and Month Code	
5,6,7,8	Consecutive Sample Number (grouped by SA as appropriate)	

SAMPLE NAME / LOCATION ID ⁽²⁾ (Optional)		
1,2	Sampling Area	BG – Background DR – Drum LF – Landfill MW – Monitoring Well RS – Rinsate SI – Surface Impoundment TB – Trip Blank TK – Tank WL – Wetland WP – Waste Pile
3,4	Consecutive Sample Number	01 – First sample of Sampling Area
5,6	Matrix Code	AR – Air GW – Groundwater PR – Product SB – Subsurface Soil SD – Sediment SS – Surface Soil SW – Surface Water QC – Quality Control WT – Water
7,8	Depth (Optional)	01 (feet below ground surface)

Notes:

(1) The Sample Number is a unique, 8-digit number assigned to each sample.

(2) The Sample Name or Location ID is an optional identifier that can be used to further describe each sample or sample location.

Table 2. Sampling and Analysis

NOTES (DELETE ME): 1. Fill in one analytical parameter and matrix combination per row.

2. If all the information for each parameter/matrix is the same across all sampling areas, then only enter it on one row and enter "All Decision Areas" in the Sampling Area field. There is no need to enter a separate line for a specific decision area unless there is something different about the sampling information or data quality objectives.

3. Column widths will automatically adjust based on cell contents.

Data Quality	Sampling Area	Matrix	Sampling Pattern	Sample Type	Data Quality	Number of Field Samples	Analyte or Parameter	Method Number	Action Level	Method Quant. Limit	#/type of Sample Containers per Sample	Preservative	Hold Time	Field QC
Lab Analysis	Residential Yard	Soil	Targeted	Grab	Definitive	5-10	Asbestos	CARB 435		0.25%				Duplicate Blank
Lab Analysis		Soil Other Solids (Rocks)	Targeted	Grab	Definitive Screening Screening+ Confirm.	5-10	Asbestos	CARB 435		0.25%				Duplicate Blank
Field Screen		Air	Random	Grab	Definitive									
Field Analysis		Soil	Targeted	Composite	Screening									Duplicate Blank
Lab Analysis		Water Oil Product			Screening+ Confirm.									
Field Screen		Air	Random	Grab	Definitive									
Field Analysis		Soil	Targeted	Composite	Screening									Duplicate Blank
Lab Analysis		Water Oil Product			Screening+ Confirm.									

Note: For matrix spike and/or duplicate samples, no extra volume is required for air (unless co-located samples are collected), oil, product, or soil samples except soil VOC or NWTPH-Gx samples (triple volume). Triple volume is also required for organic water samples (double volume for inorganic).

Table 3. Common Sample Handling Information

Analysis Type	Sub Analysis	Matrix	Analytical Method	Container Type	Minimum Volume	Preservative	Temperature/ Storage	Hold Time	Source
Metals	Metals Not including Mercury or Hexachrome. Includes TAL, PP, RCRA lists)	Solid	EPA 6000 / 7000 Series	Glass Jar	200 g	n/a	None	6 months	SW-846 ch. 3
		Aqueous	EPA 6000 / 7000 Series	PTFE or HDPE	600 mL	HNO ₃ to pH < 2	Not listed	6 months	SW-846 ch. 3
	Mercury	Solid	EPA 7471B	Glass Jar	200 g	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days	SW-846 ch. 3
		Aqueous	EPA 7470A	PTFE or HDPE	400 mL	HNO ₃ to pH < 2	Not listed	28 days	SW-846 ch. 3
	Hexavalent Chromium, (Hexachrome, Cr+6)	Solid	Lab-specific soil extraction modification, EPA 7196A	Glass Jar	100 g	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days to extraction	SW-846 ch. 3
		Aqueous	EPA 218.6 (Drinking Water)	PTFE or HDPE	400 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	24 hours	SW-846 ch. 3
	XRF	Solid (in situ; on the ground surface)	6200	none	n/a	none	none	Analyze Immediately	n/a
		Solid (ex situ)	6200	plastic bag	200 g	none	none	6 months	n/a
VOCs	VOCs / BTEX	Solid	EPA 5035 / 8260B	*	*	*	*	2 days to lab / 14 days	SW-846 ch. 4
		Aqueous	EPA 8260B	Amber Vial with Septa Lid	2 x 40 mL	HCl to pH < 2	≤ 6° C (headspace free)	14 days	SW-846 ch. 4
SVOCs	SVOCs / PAHs	Solid	EPA 8270D	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C	14 days	SW-846 ch. 4
		Aqueous	EPA 8270D	Amber Glass	2 x 1 L	n/a	≤ 6° C	7 days	SW-846 ch. 4
PCBs and Dioxins/Furans	PCBs	Solid	EPA 8082	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C	none	SW-846 ch. 4
		Aqueous	EPA 8082	Amber Glass	2 x 1 L	n/a	≤ 6° C	none	SW-846 ch. 4
	Dioxins/Furans	Solid	EPA 8280 or 8290	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C	none	SW-846 ch. 4
		Aqueous	EPA 8280 or 8290	Amber Glass	2 x 1 L	n/a	≤ 6° C	none	SW-846 ch. 4
Pesticides and Herbicides	Chlorinated Pesticides	Solid	EPA 8081	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C	14 days	SW-846 ch. 4
		Aqueous	EPA 8081	Amber Glass	2 x 1 L	n/a	≤ 6° C	7 days	SW-846 ch. 4
	Chlorinated Herbicides	Solid	EPA 8151	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C	14 days	SW-846 ch. 4
		Aqueous	EPA 8151	Amber Glass	2 x 1 L	n/a	≤ 6° C	7 days	SW-846 ch. 4
NWTPH	Gasoline-Range Organics	Solid	TPHs/NWTPH-Gx	Amber Glass Jar with Septa Lid	4 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C (headspace free)	14 days	Method
		Aqueous	TPHs/NWTPH-Gx	Amber Vial with Septa Lid	2 x 40 mL	pH < 2 with HCl	≤ 6° C (headspace free)	7 days unpreserved 14 days preserved	Method
	Diesel-Range Organics	Solid	3510, 3540/3550, 8000	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	≤ 6° C	14 days	Method
		Aqueous	3510, 3540/3550, 8000	Glass Amber	2 x 1 L	pH < 2 with HCl	≤ 6° C	7 days unpreserved 14 days preserved	Method
Geotechnical	Particle Size	Solid	ASTM D-422	Glass Jar or	2 x 8	none	n/a	n/a	Method

Comment [J2]: Does it make sense to do metals analysis? At this time, I don't think that's necessary, but it may be helpful to know if other metals are elevated relative to normal levels for Washington state.

Analysis Type	Sub Analysis	Matrix	Analytical Method	Container Type	Minimum Volume	Preservative	Temperature/ Storage	Hold Time	Source
Miscellaneous	Analysis			Plastic Bag	ounce				
	pH	Solid	EPA 9045	Glass Jar	8 ounces	n/a	n/a	Analyze Immediately	SW-846 ch. 3
		Aqueous	EPA 9040	PTFE	25 mL	n/a	n/a	Analyze Immediately	SW-846 ch. 3
	Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	Solid	SW-846 9060	Glass Jar	100 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days	SW-846
		Aqueous	EPA 415.1	PTFE or HDPE	200 mL	store in dark HCL or H ₂ SO ₄ to pH <2	≤ 6° C	7 days unpreserved 28 days preserved	Method
	Cyanide	Solid	SW-846 9013	Glass Jar	5 g	n/a	≤ 6° C	14 days	SW-846 ch. 3
		Aqueous	SW-846 9010C	PTFE or HDPE	500 mL	NaOH to pH > 12	≤ 6° C	14 days	SW-846 ch. 3
	Conductivity	Aqueous	EPA 120.1	PTFE or HDPE	100 mL	n/a	n/a	Analyze Immediately	Method
	Hardness	Aqueous	EPA 130.1	PTFE or HDPE	1 x 1 L	HNO ₃ to pH<2	≤ 6° C	28 days	Method
	Total Suspended Solids	Aqueous	EPA 160.2	PTFE or HDPE	100 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	7 days	Method
	Total Dissolved Solids	Aqueous	EPA 160.1	PTFE or HDPE	100 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	7 days	Method
	Nitrate/nitrite	Aqueous	EPA 353.2	PTFE or HDPE	1 x 250 mL	H ₂ SO ₄ to pH <2	≤ 6° C	28 days	Method
	Nitrate	Aqueous	SW-846 9210A	PTFE or HDPE	1,000 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days	SW-846 ch. 3
	Nitrite	Aqueous	SW-846 9216	PTFE or HDPE	25 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	48 hours	SW-846 ch. 3, Method
	Fluoride	Aqueous	SW-846 9214	PTFE or HDPE	300 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days	SW-846 ch. 3
	Chloride	Aqueous	SW-846 9250	PTFE or HDPE	50 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days	SW-846 ch. 3
	Sulfate	Aqueous	SW-846 9035	PTFE or HDPE	50 mL	n/a	≤ 6° C	28 days	SW-846 ch. 3
	Sulfide	Solid	SW-846 9215	Glass Jar	1 x 4 ounces	Fill sample surface with 2N zinc acetate until moistened.	≤ 6° C (headspace free)	7 days	SW-846 ch. 3
		Aqueous	SW-846 9031	PTFE or HDPE	100 mL	4 drops 2N zinc acetate/100 mL sample; NaOH to pH>9.	≤ 6° C (headspace free)	7 days	SW-846 ch. 3

Key:

* = See individual methods. We typically collect 3xEnCore-type samplers and 1x40 mL VOA vial per sample, keep at ≤ 6°C with no chemical preservative, and they must be at the lab within 48 hours of collection.			
C	= Celsius	HNO ₃	= nitric acid
Cr	= chromium	L	= liter
EPA	= Environmental Protection Agency	mL	= milliliter
g	=grams	n/a	= not applicable
H ₂ SO ₄	= sulfuric acid	NaOH	= sodium hydroxide
HCL	= hydrochloric acid	PCBs	= polychlorinated biphenyls
HDPE	= high-density polyethylene	PTFE	= polytetrafluoroethylene
Hg	= mercury	RCRA	= Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
		SVOCs	= semivolatile organic compounds
		SW-846	= EPA Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods
		TAL	= Target Analyte List
		TPH	= total petroleum hydrocarbons
		VOA	= Volatile Organic Analysis
		VOCs	= Volatile Organic Compounds